

18th Sunday
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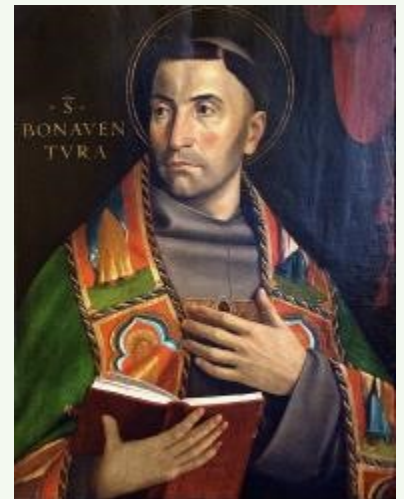
“For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:33

“Porque el pan de Dios es aquel que baja del cielo y da la vida al mundo”. - Jn 6, 33

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“In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God Himself is hidden within.”

-St. Bonaventure



MASS SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

Daily Masses May28-September 6:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 am

*Tuesday Masses are available at:
Corpus Christi at 8:15 am,
St. Lawrence Center at 12:10 pm,
Holy Family, Eudora at 9:00 am,
Sacred Heart, Tonganoxie at 7:30 am.

Weekend Masses May28-September 6:

Saturday: 4:30 pm;
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – Noon;
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm;
Other: by appointment

Office hours June 1-August 16:

Monday-Friday-8:30 am-2:30 pm. After 2:30 pm please call staff members direct extension (see pg. 2). Thanks.

WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

Saint John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, and the sacraments. Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion.

**“DO NOT LOSE HEART!
THE STEEPER THE ROAD,
THE FASTER IT RISES TOWARDS EVER WIDER HORIZONS.”**
-ST. JOHN PAUL II

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SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044
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Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**
Monday-Friday8:30 am-2:30 pm
After 2:30 pm please call staff members direct extension.
Thank you.

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule May 28-September 6

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)
Wednesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Other by appointment

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

JOB OPENING DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

St. John Church and School in Lawrence seeks a full-time Director of Advancement. The Director will develop and administer development plans to ensure the long-term viability of the Church and School. The Director will oversee all advancement activities necessary by building relationships with a broad range of parishioners, parents, alumni, volunteers and community members. Candidates with three to five years of fundraising experience and bilingual (English and Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: www.sjevangelist.com. This position is eligible for an Archdiocesan benefits package. Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: frjohn@sjevangelist.com or 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.



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St. John Church and School in Lawrence, KS seeks a full time Business Manager. The Manager will administer the finances of the parish and school, maintain accuracy of all financial operations, and serve as HR officer. Applicants need computer/new technologies competencies. Candidates with a degree in Business/Accounting with 1-3 years of experience or its equivalency, and bilingual (English and Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: www.sjevangelist.com. This position is eligible for an archdiocesan benefits package. Anticipated start date July 26. Position open till filled. Send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: frjohn@sjevangelist.com or mail to 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.



JOB OPENING PARISH COORDINATOR



St. John Parish and School seeks a part-time parish coordinator. The parish coordinator will be responsible for the efficient use of parish facilities and managing supportive services. Candidates with 1-3 years work experience and bilingual (English/Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: www.sjevangelist.com. Anticipated start date August 1. Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: frjohn@sjevangelist.com or mail to: 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.

THANK YOU
To those who
leave flowers
to the
Virgin Mary.

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER



Hi, my name is Allison Loecker, and I am the new high school youth minister, and the middle school religion teacher. I am a recent graduate from Benedictine College, and I got my degree in Theology and Education, two things that I love! I'm originally from a small town in Nebraska, so I love the outdoors. I am one of four

kids, and have two adorable nieces that I love to spoil! I am very excited to join this wonderful community and parish! Everyone has been so welcoming, and I cannot wait to meet more people! Teaching and leading people towards Christ are huge passions of mine, and I am beyond blessed to have the opportunity to do them!

SOCIAL LIFE COMMITTEE: WANNA HAVE SOME FUN?



Do you enjoy planning fun events? Does community mean a lot to you? Then this is your committee! The St. John social life committee is looking for additional members to help plan and carry out monthly events to support and restore the community in our parish. This work will be creative and fun! If interested, please email Susan

Tabor at: souljourner@sbcglobal.net or phone her at 785-865-9949.

BOSCO ROOM IS OPEN AND IN NEED OF UPDATING

The Bosco Room is open again to youth ministry and other adult formation groups! If you aren't aware, the Bosco Room is in the school and a space designated for small faith groups to share in a casual "living room" type setting. Over the years, some of the furniture has gotten a bit beat up. Do you have any good used furniture that you would like to donate? Occasional chairs, loveseats, recliners, end/coffee table and lamps would be appreciated! Please contact Shelly or Allison at the parish office. Thanks in advance!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM - ADULT TRAINING (VIRTUS)

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training is available Online as an option. Due to COVID-19, the Archdiocesan requirement for attending a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults workshop live session will be suspended and the option of the online version of the module can be offered in lieu of live training.

Parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state health regulations in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be completed prior to participants working around youth. Individuals needing to attend a session will be offered the option of the online module at the time of registration. They will still need to follow the background screening and policy completion process at the time of registration. These procedures will be reviewed and updated periodically as needed and are in place to protect you, those you work with, and your family. Please stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ! We are praying for all of you and your families. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Vielhauer at: svielhauer@archkck.org or Jenifer Valenti at: jvalenti@archkck.org. May God bless you and keep you safe.



K OF C CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT COUNCIL #1372

The Knights of Columbus are having a Cornhole tournament **Saturday, August 21** in the St. John Parish School Gym **beginning at 9:00 am**. The entry fee is \$20/team, concessions will be available. All proceeds go to St. John Parish School.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

Last week, we introduced you to some of Paul Loeb's book, *THE SOUL OF A CITIZEN*. This week, we're sharing an excerpt from Chapter two. Don't worry if you missed last week's excerpt. His writing style is such that you don't have to have read prior content.

CHAPTER TWO: WE DON'T HAVE TO BE SAINTS

I believe many of us want to pursue something more than relentless self-interest—what Thomas Moore calls "a national persona of hype, ambition, narcissism, and materialism." We would like to find ways to connect with each other, express our compassion, and experience a sense of purpose impossible to attain through private pursuits alone. When we don't find ways to voice this larger self, our most generous impulses have nowhere to go.

Chief among the obstacles to acting on these impulses is the mistaken belief that anyone who takes a committed public stand, or at least an effective one, has to be a larger-than-life figure—someone with more time, energy, courage, vision, or knowledge than a normal person could ever possess. As we've seen with Rosa Parks, even our most noted historic figures often started their involvement in modest ways, and had as many failures as successes. Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi, tells the story of how his grandfather's family mortgaged everything they had—their land, their jewelry, everything of value—to send Gandhi to law school. Gandhi graduated and passed the bar, but was so shy that when he stood up in court all he could do was stammer. He couldn't get a sentence out in defense of his clients. As a result, he lost every one of his cases.

He was a total failure as a lawyer. His family didn't know what to do. Finally, they sent him off to South Africa, where he literally and metaphorically found his voice by challenging the country's racial segregation.

I like viewing Gandhi not as the master strategist of social change that he later became, but as someone who at first was literally tongue-tied—shyer and more intimidated than almost anyone we can imagine. Given where he ended up on his subsequent journey, who knows what might be possible for the rest of us.

But most of us never get the chance to be inspired by the stories of those who've acted for change—because we don't encounter them. For too many of us, the past is a foreign country. The very stories that might remind us of our potential impact and strength are ignored, caricatured, or otherwise dismissed by our cultural gatekeepers. As a result, apart from a handful of famous names largely detached from their contexts, most of us know next to nothing of how ordinary men and women have fought to preserve freedom, expand the sphere of democracy, and create a more just society. Of the abolitionist and civil rights movements, we at best recall a few key leaders—and often, as with Rosa Parks, we don't know their actual stories. We know even less about the turn-of-the-century populists who challenged entrenched economic interests and fought for a "co-operative commonwealth." These days, who can describe how the union movement ended eighty-hour workweeks at near-starvation wages? Who knows about the citizen efforts that first pushed through Social Security? How did the women's suffrage movement spread to hundreds of communities, and gather enough strength to prevail?

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Below reflects donations received July 1, 2021 through July 11, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$28,365.38
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$21,468.57
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$56,730.76
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$42,937.14
NET SHORTAGE	\$13,793.62
FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit	\$257,811.13
FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit	\$267,486.68

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Contact Cris Denning at: cdenning@sjevangelist.com or phone 785-843-0109 if you have any questions.

-Thank you for your continued generosity to St. John Parish!

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member.

Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List."

Thank you on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

Steven Avila
 Mariele Berthold
 Chris Besler
 Jenn Bole
 Andrew Bouchard
 Susan Guenther Brown
 Donna Callaghan
 Bob Carlson
 Loretta Chavez
 Ricky Dalton
 Hank Desch
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 Joanne Feist
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 Danielle Foote
 Janet Fox
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 Kathy Higley
 Maureen Hirt

Janet Ikenberry
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 Greg Schurer
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Scott Smith
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 Joseph Soza
 Cameron Stupansky
 Jack Taylor
 Deloris Tharp
 Amelia Tinio
 Fleda Umscheid
 Lily Van Giezen

Oren Van Walleggem
 Cindy Vasquez
 Marianne Vietti
 Lou Volpe
 Jeanette Walker
 Ted Walker
 Susan Williams
 Jon Yarnell
 Dena Yepa



AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 8

Mon.: 7:30 am.....	Rich & Linda McNutty & Family
Tues.: 7:30 am	NO MASS
Wed.: 7:30 am.....	Jerome Florot
5:10 pm (Sp.).....	NO MASS
Thurs.: 7:30 am	Osborne-O'Connor Family
12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
Fri.: 7:30 am.....	Estera Busset
12:10 pm.....	NO MASS
Sat.: 8:00 am.....	NO MASS
4:30 pm	Parishioners of St. John
Sun.: 7:00 am	Gary Denning†
9:00am.....	Rosemary Werth†
11:00 am.....	Meshack Kurui
1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Salud de Joel y Angelita
5:00 pm	End to the Pandemic

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

A Estamos en momentos difíciles de la historia. Mucha gente murmura y se pregunta: ¿Cuándo terminará la pesadilla de la pandemia? ¿Dónde está Dios en todo esto que estamos viviendo? Vivió algo similar el pueblo de Israel que caminaba en el desierto, también sentía la angustia de saber dónde estaría Dios en su experiencia de jornada, después de su salida de Egipto. Ellos basaban su realidad en el hambre, pues recordaban las ollas de carne y de comer pan hasta saciarse. Con todo esto, Dios dijo a Moisés: “He oído las quejas de mi pueblo. Diles: por la tarde comerán carne y por la mañana se saciarán de pan; así sabrán que yo soy Yavé, el Dios de ustedes” (Éxodo 16:11-12).

El maná que cae del cielo es un alimento que la misericordia de Dios da al pueblo de Israel. Pero, debía ser recogido todos los días, es decir, alimento para cada día que obliga a la gente a confiar en Dios y a darse cuenta que este maná es un alimento para el camino por el desierto. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice a la gente que lo buscaba: “En verdad les digo: Ustedes me buscan, no porque han visto a través de los signos sino porque han comido pan hasta saciarse” (Juan 6:26-27). Cuando participo en la Eucaristía, ¿busco a Jesús como alimento de vida, o lo busco para saciar mis caprichos? ¿Veo la Eucaristía como alimento de vida que me acerca a Jesús? Recordemos que Jesús es el Pan de vida y el que acude a él con sinceridad de corazón nunca tendrá hambre, y el que cree en él nunca tendrá sed. Pidamos, en la Eucaristía que seamos cristianos que orientamos nuestra vida a ejemplo de Jesús. ©LPi



Jesús les contestó: “Yo soy el pan de la vida. El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed”.

- Jn 6, 35

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MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 1 DE AGOSTO

Domingo: Ex 16, 2-4. 12-15/Sal 77, 3-4. 23-24. 25. 54 [24]/Ef 4, 17. 20-24/Jn 6, 24-35

Lunes: Nm 11, 4-15/Sal 80, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17 [2]/Mt 14, 13-21

Martes: Nm 12, 1-13/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 6-7. 12-13 [cfr. 3]/Mt 14, 22-36 o Mt 15, 1-2. 10-14

Miércoles: Nm 13, 1-2. 25—14, 1. 26-29. 34-35/Sal 105, 6-7. 13-14. 21-22. 23 [4]/Mt 15, 21-28

Jueves: Nm 20, 1-13/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Mt 16, 13-23

Viernes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 9 [1 y 9]/2 Pe 1, 16-19/Mc 9, 2-10

Sábado: Dn 6, 4-13/Sal 17, 28. 3-4. 47 y 51/Mc 17, 14-20

Domingo siguiente: 1 Re 19, 4-8/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [9]/Ef 4, 30—5, 2/Jn 6, 41-51

FOCUS ON THE WORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when



we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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EVERYDAY REFLECTION

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

PRAYER

God, fill me up with love for Jesus.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Jesus holding your hand in heaven, next to a pretty river.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

FOOD	MANNA	LIFE
THIRSTY	FAITH	HUNGRY
MIRACLE	BREAD	COMES

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



ARCHDIOCESE THOUGHTS

JESUS CALLS OUR FAITH INTO QUESTION

JULY 2, 2021

You've probably heard the following Scripture passage countless times, but never like this:

Jesus, in the region of Caesarea Philippi, asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter replied, "You are the eschatological manifestation of a transcendent reality."

And Jesus said, "What?!?"

So, who is this Jesus anyway?

Last month, I was finally able to attend some live, in-person theater productions — something snuffed out by the pandemic for over a year. It was fitting, I suppose, that two of those shows dealt with Jesus.

The first, called "Jesus," was at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Branson, Missouri. The sets were massive and gave the audience a sensation of being in the places where Jesus walked, seeing the inhabitants in authentic attire. The storm at sea was so realistic that my stomach got queasy as the waves battered the boat.

Oh, did I mention the real camels? They were not only on stage, but moseyed through the audience as well. I also can't forget the Roman soldiers mounted on their live horses clomping down the aisles.



Fr. Mark Goldasich

And, when Jesus cleared the Temple, live sheep and goats scampered through the theater. There was even an angel with about a six-foot wingspan who floated over the audience on a wire right before the Resurrection.

In this production, Jesus was presented as "the love that rescues." He freed people from sin, doubt, disease and death. The show emphasized the divinity of Jesus, his almighty power and wisdom.

The second show was completely different. This was a 50-year anniversary production at Starlight Theatre in Kansas City, Missouri. Here, the musicians were ringed around the back of the stage. The set consisted only of a towering scaffold and large alphabet blocks that spelled out the name of the show: G-O-D-S-P-E-L-L. This has always been one of my favorite shows with many songs that I know by heart and love.

For those unfamiliar with "Godspell," the cast is attired in crazy, multicolored,

unmatched outfits. The humanity of Jesus is emphasized in this production, and he's presented as a dear friend and captivating storyteller.

It's amusing to see how the cast members act out the various parables that Jesus tells, often with exaggerated props and slapstick antics. The parables and teachings of Jesus are not ridiculed, but rather are "pictured" in an unforgettable way. Most appealing to me is that Jesus here is shown as a person who radiates the joy of faith.

So, which of these shows presents the one, true picture of Jesus? I'd say the answer is: neither . . . and both! Let me explain: Just as each Gospel gives us a particular vision of Jesus, but not a complete one, so, too, do each of these shows. Although we get a glimpse of who Jesus is, we can never comprehend him fully. The British writer Evelyn Underhill says it best: "If God were small enough to be understood, he would not be big enough to be worshiped."

In your travels this summer, look for opportunities to examine who Jesus is to you. Explore various depictions of Jesus — in art, movies, theater productions or books. No matter how you picture the Lord, however, there is one constant in our faith, beautifully captured in this memorable song from "Godspell": "Day by day, day by day, Oh dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day by day by day by day."

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Honoring our Tradition Investing in our Future

A Stewardship Campaign for Hayden Catholic High School

This past spring, Hayden Catholic High School conducted a planning study to determine support for a stewardship campaign to help us address necessary infrastructure repairs and upgrades, provide for educational enhancements and help solidify funding for tuition assistance.

After gathering feedback from parents, past parents, alumni and from the Topeka area pastors, the Steier Group reported their findings and we learned there is significant support in our community for a campaign.

With approval from Archbishop Naumann, Hayden Catholic High School is pleased to announce that we are in the early planning stages of our upcoming *Honoring our Tradition-Investing in our Future* stewardship campaign.

For more information, contact us at info@haydencatholic.net. You can also visit us at haydencatholic.org/stewardship-campaign/

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